

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Decision on Rehearing dated February 1, 2011.

Claims 37-63 are present in the above-identified application.

Support for the claims may be found variously throughout the specification. *No new matter has been added.*

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees-general authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, any deficiency in fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm).

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections

i. Claims 9-36 have been canceled by this Amendment.

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the instant application, the rejected claims have been canceled.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims

ii. Claims 38-41 depend from claim 37.

Claim 37 is drawn to a timing notice apparatus comprising:

a synchronization information extraction circuit configured to extract frame synchronization information from a reference signal, said frame synchronization information being within said reference signal;

a synchronization information generation circuit configured to generate a synthesized signal in the absence of said reference signal, a timing notice signal being said frame synchronization information or said synthesized signal;

a controller configured to output said timing notice signal only upon receipt of an acquisition command, said timing notice signal demarcating a field of image data.

Either individually or as a whole, the Description of the Related Art (AAPA) and U.S. Patent No. 5,680,596 (Iizuka), ***fail*** to disclose teach, or suggest *a synchronization information generation circuit configured to generate a synthesized signal in the absence of said reference signal, a timing notice signal being said frame synchronization information or said synthesized signal.*

iii. Claim 43 depends from claim 42.

Claim 42 is drawn to a computer comprising:

an interface unit configured to transmit an acquisition command, said acquisition command being generated when an editing start command is input through an operation unit,

wherein said interface unit is configured to re-transmit said acquisition command after receiving a timing notice signal, said timing notice signal demarcating a field of image data.

Either individually or as a whole, the Description of the Related Art (AAPA) and U.S. Patent No. 5,680,596 (Iizuka), ***fail*** to disclose teach, or suggest a computer *wherein said interface unit is configured to re-transmit said acquisition command after receiving a timing notice signal, said timing notice signal demarcating a field of image data.*

iv. Claim 44 is an independent claim.

Claim 44 is drawn to a computer program embodied in a tangible non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, the computer program comprising:

a device driver configured to transmit an acquisition command and thereafter await a receipt of a timing notice signal, said acquisition command being generated when an editing start command is input through an operation unit;

an application program interface configured to resend said acquisition command to said device driver upon a notification from said device driver, said notification indicating said receipt of the timing notice signal,

wherein said timing notice signal demarcates a field of image data.

Either individually or as a whole, the Description of the Related Art (AAPA) and U.S. Patent No. 5,680,596 (Iizuka), fail to disclose teach, or suggest *an application program interface configured to resend said acquisition command to said device driver upon a notification from said device driver, said notification indicating said receipt of the timing notice signal.*

v. Claims 46-59 depend from claim 45.

Claim 45 is drawn to an editing system comprising:

a computer configured to transmit an acquisition command and await receipt of a timing notice signal, said timing notice signal demarcating a field of image data;

a timing notice apparatus configured to await receipt of said acquisition command and transmit said timing notice signal, said timing notice signal being transmitted upon receipt of said acquisition command,

wherein said timing notice signal is within a reference signal, said timing notice signal being extractable from within said reference signal.

Either individually or as a whole, the Description of the Related Art (AAPA) and U.S. Patent No. 5,680,596 (Iizuka), fail to disclose teach, or suggest an editing system *wherein said timing notice signal is within a reference signal, said timing notice signal being extractable from within said reference signal.*

vi. Claims 61-63 depend from claim 60.

Claim 60 is drawn to a method for acquiring timing, the method comprising:

transmitting an acquisition command from an editing apparatus, a device driver in said editing apparatus awaiting receipt of a timing notice signal;

transmitting said timing notice signal upon receipt of said acquisition command, said timing notice signal demarcating a field of image data,

wherein said timing notice signal is within a reference signal, said timing notice signal being extractable from within said reference signal.

Either individually or as a whole, the Description of the Related Art (AAPA) and U.S. Patent No. 5,680,596 (Iizuka), fail to disclose teach, or suggest a method *wherein said timing notice signal is within a reference signal, said timing notice signal being extractable from within said reference signal*.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Official Notice

There is no concession as to the veracity of Official Notice, if taken in any Office Action.

An affidavit or document should be provided in support of any Official Notice taken. 37 C.F.R. §1.104(d)(2), M.P.E.P. §2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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